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# JLX UNLEASHED!



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SOMEWHERE IN SENEGAL,  
AT A SHRINE THAT DOESN'T  
APPEAR ON ANY TOURIST  
MAP...

THIS MEETING  
OF THE HELLFIRE  
LEAGUE OF INJUSTICE  
IS NOW IN SESSION--

--SAVAGE  
SHAW  
PRESIDING.

WE HAVE  
GATHERED  
HERE TODAY  
TO LAUNCH OUR  
FINAL ASSAULT ON  
METAMUTANTKIND--

--AS USUAL, THIS  
INANE RITUAL IS A  
POOR MASK FOR  
YOUR OBSESSION  
WITH THE JLX--

--WHO ARE  
NO LONGER  
A THREAT TO  
YOU.

CAN WE  
MOVE THIS  
ALONG, PEOPLE--

--I'M ON A  
CLOCK.

LORD  
MAXWELL, YOU  
ARE A CLOCK.

NO  
TASTE FOR  
TRADITION  
EH?

SHAW--  
SUMMON YOUR  
DEMON AND BE  
DONE WITH IT.

VERY WELL--INTO THE  
PYRE I DELIVER THE  
FINGER OF GHENGIS  
KHAN, THAT OUR  
CHAMPION MIGHT BE  
CUNNING AND  
RUTHLESS.

MISTRESS MAXIMA  
DELIVERS THE TUSK OF  
THE CREDGERTH, SCOURGE  
OF TALOS IV, THAT OUR  
WARRIOR MAY HAVE  
STRENGTH AND POWER.

AND I, DARK FIREBIRD,  
DELIVER THE FLAME OF  
CESSATION, THAT OUR  
CHAMPION MAY DELIVER  
DEATH.

I'LL JUST THROW SOME  
JUNK IN AND FLIP A  
SWITCH, THAT OUR CHAM-  
PION MIGHT HAVE A  
STERLING PERSONALITY--

--MINE,  
SINCE ONLY  
MY DEVICE  
WILL MAKE  
ANY  
DIFFERENCE  
ANYWAY--





AND SO, IN THE NAME OF MEPHISTON--

--THE HELLFIRE LEAGUE OF INJUSTICE SUMMON FORTH OUR CHAMPION--

--THE ULTIMATE EVIL--

# THE UNEXTINGUISHABLE FLAME!

## FIN FANG FLAME!

--TO DO THE SAVAGE SHAW'S BIDDING.

ERADICATE THE SPECIES THAT HAS BROKEN MANKIND'S GENETIC LINK.

DESTROY THEM LITERALLY-- MAKE THE WORLD PURE!!

FIN FANG FLAME HEARS, "O MASTER--"

FOUL CROSSBREDS CALLED METAMUTANTS.

PRIMEVAL FORCE, WE COMMAND THEE--

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!

WHY AM I BROUGHT HERE?

--AND OBEYS!!

STARTING WITH ALL OF YOU.

ALL HUMANITY, AFTER ALL, IS MUTATED TO SOME EXTENT!

BESIDES, IT'S BEEN ONLY 8703 YEARS SINCE I ASKED TO BE AWAKENED.

MAXWELL WASN'T MUCH OF A CLOCK AFTER ALL.

# FIN FANG FLAME!





NEW YORK.

SUPER-SOLDIER--!!

--AND OUR TEAM, THE JUDGMENT LEAGUE AVENGERS, ALONG WITH IT.

--WHY WASTE VALUABLE TIME PUTTING A STATUE BACK UP-- WHEN FLAME IS STILL ON THE LOOSE--?!

BUT, SUPER-SOLDIER--

AMAZON, I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T SEE THE STATUE'S SYMBOLISM. PEOPLE NEED HOPE.

GIVE ME JUST A MINUTE, AMAZON--

--WHILE I GET THIS LADY BACK ON HER FEET, FIN FANG FLAME HAS ALL BUT LEVELED NEW YORK--

SH.I.E.L.D. CONFIRMS JLA INT. AND JLA WEST WERE OVERTAKEN, SOLDIER. WE NEED HELP.

I SAY WE RELEASE THE JLA.

--MR. X-- THE JLA'S LEADER-- IS A SKRULL DUE TO BE EXTRADITED TO THE KREE HOME-WORLD FOR TRIAL.

THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

--METAMUTANTS ARE NOT, BY DEFINITION, EVIL.

I DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE WITH THE ARMAGEDDON AGENDA, BUT WE ARE OBLIGED TO UPHOLD THE LAW.

"THOSE PEOPLE"--? MARVEL--

ABSOLUTELY NOT, AMAZON--

WE CANNOT BREAK THE JLA OUT OF--

ARRRRUGH--!!

SUPER-SOLDIER--!!





MY APOLOGIES.  
IT WAS A VERY GOOD SPEECH, BY THE WAY.

LET ME HANDLE FANG, AMAZON--

NO--HELP THE SOLDIER, MARVEL-- I'M THE ONE HE'S AFTER!



--?! HOW CAN YOU BE CERTAIN--?!



RRRAAAAWWLL!!

--YOU'VE FOUND ME. NOW PAY THE PRICE--!!



THWOOOMM!!

YOU BELIEVE YOUR SO-CALLED MAGIC'S WILL COMPEL ME TO SPEAK THE TRUTH!?

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. VERY WELL--



--UNTIL THE LAST METAMUTANT IS NOTHING BUT MEAT LODGED BETWEEN MY TEETH, HUMANITY WILL SUFFER IRREPARABLE DESTRUCTION!

BECAUSE I AM.  
VERY WELL, MONSTER--



LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER...

DO YOU KNOW ME?

I KNOW YOU.

BECAUSE MANKIND NEEDS YOU, MR. X-- YOU AND YOUR TEAM.

WHAT I DO NOT KNOW IS WHAT MAKES YOU THINK EITHER I OR MY PEOPLE WILL HELP YOU.

AMAZON-- MANKIND DESTROYED MY TEAM-- OR DON'T YOU REMEMBER--



"--THE ARMAGEDDON AGENDA-- THE LEGISLATION THAT PERMITTED WILL MAGNUS AND HIS SENTINELS TO DECLARE WAR ALL METAMUTANTS!

MAGNUS'S MANDATE AND FUNDING ENABLED HIM TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR ON OUR PEOPLE, LEADING TO SO MANY DEATHS-- HUMAN AND METAMUTANT.

MARINER'S KINGDOM WAS HALVED BEFORE THEY FOUND AND CAPTURED HIM. HE ESCAPED ONLY TO BE EXILED FROM ATLANTIS. MERCURY LUCKILY ESCAPED TO THE FUTURE WITH IRISKANI. WRAITH DISAPPEARED WITH THE AID OF THE SHADOW GUILD. THE OTHERS WERE NOT SO FORTUNATE."



SO TELL ME WHY I SHOULD HELP YOU.

I THINK YOU KNOW.

YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, A TELEPATH--

--YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT ME THAN I KNOW ABOUT MYSELF.

BESIDES, FIN FANG FLAME WILL NOT STOP UNTIL AMOEBAS ARE THE ONLY LIFE FORM LEFT ON EARTH!

YOU CAN'T JUST SIT THERE IMPLACABLY AND DO NOTHING. CAN YOU BEAR TO SEE OTHERS END UP LIKE YOUR PROTÉGÉ--

--LIKE APOLLO--?

WE ALL MAKE SACRIFICES, MR. X. I, A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE JLA, BROKE INTO THIS META-CONTAINMENT STATION--

--JUST TO MAKE THIS APPEAL. HELP US, X--

--OR WE'RE ALL DEAD.

VERY WELL, AMAZON. LET US GATHER MY TEAM FROM THE BOWELS OF THIS PRISON--

--AND RALLY THEM TO SAVE THOSE WHOVE PUT THEM HERE. BUT, NOT FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE--



"--BUT FOR OUR OWN DELIVERANCE."

COMMAND CENTRAL TO WING FIGHTER 2--!!

WING FIGHTER, ROGER.

WAYNE--

--WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

AT THE MOMENT? TRYING TO SAVE WHAT'S LEFT OF TOKYO FROM A FLAMING DRAGON.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

BRUCE--THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER COULDN'T STOP HIM--YOU THINK YOU CAN?!

WELL NOW, LET'S REVIEW MY OPTIONS--

--OPTION ONE-- SHOOT AN APACHE MISSILE UP HIS NOSE AND WATCH HIM BLOW!

OPTION TWO--SEE OPTION ONE.





FLAMING  
ARROWS FIRED  
FROM A  
MECHANIZED  
BIRD.

HOW  
AMBITIOUS.

WHAAAAAAA!!!



WAYNE--?!  
WAYNE--?!

KEEP YOUR  
SKIRT DOWN,  
DUGAN. I'M  
STILL BREATHING.

SO, WHAT DID  
YOU THINK OF  
OPTION ONE?



NATO HAS GONE TO DEF-  
CON TWO--THEY'VE AU-  
THORIZED THE BALL.

I SUGGEST  
YOU HURL ASH  
OUT OF THERE.

DUM-DUM-- I  
DOUBT NUKES ARE  
THE ANSWER HERE.

REALLY?  
WE'LL TELL ME,  
THEN--



"--WHAT OTHER  
CHOICE DO WE  
HAVE--?!"

DISENGAGE  
SHIELD. REVERSE  
IONIC POLARITY  
FIELD.

X-- THIS  
SIDE TRIP TO  
AIM\*STAR LABS--  
WHY--?

FLUSH  
CRYONIC  
FLUID.



WHY,  
AMAZON?

BECAUSE IF  
WE ARE GOING  
TO SLAY DEMONS  
TODAY--

--WE  
SHOULD  
SLAY THEM  
ALL.





I'VE BEEN HELD IN STASIS FOR NEARLY A DECADE-- AND YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND EVERY MOMENT.  
I'VE LEARNED TO ENJOY HATING YOU--

SINCE THE DAY MARCO XAVIER SHOWED UP AT THE ORPHANAGE AND TOOK MY BROTHER AWAY!

JOSHUA--YOUR POWERS MANIFESTED THEMSELVES AT A VERY EARLY AGE--DON'T YOU REMEMBER--

I TRANSFERRED APOLLO--RAY--TO HIS SCHOOL FOR HIS OWN SAFETY.



AND LEFT ME HERE!!!!  
**HYPOCRITE!!!!**

YOU COULDN'T CONTROL YOUR POWERS--

--YOU DESTROYED THE ORPHANAGE AND ALMOST EVERYONE IN IT.

TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT YOU DID TO ME AND WHAT HUMANS DID TO THE JLX?

I SHOULD KILL YOU, XAVIER!!



YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE BEHIND A VERY BIG DRAGON.

JOSHUA--WE NEED YOU--YOUR BROTHER APOLLO NEEDS YOU.



AND THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME.



THIS IS A TECHNO-SEED WE BELIEVE IT IS THIS DEVICE, CRAFTED FROM ALIEN TECHNOLOGY--

--THAT IS THE SOURCE OF FANG'S POWER. DESTROY IT--

--AND WE DESTROY FIN FANG FLAME.

I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL ALL RETURN FROM THIS MISSION. OF COURSE, THAT'S PAR FOR THE COURSE FOR--

"--THE J.L.X."

AH-- EXCUSE ME--

--DID YOU SAY I TELEPORT INSIDE THIS MOLTEN DRAGON MAN-- TO DESTROY THIS "SEED OF TECHNO"--

YES-- BUT ONLY AFTER ICEBERG REDUCES FANG'S BODY TEMPERATURE WITH A LOCALIZED--

WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR PLAN. I NEVER JOINED YOUR DOOMED TEAM, XAVIER. I'M SIMPLY CHAOS--

--I DO WHAT I PLEASE.

YOUR POWERS ARE STILL UNSTABLE-- RAW DON'T TRY TO EXERT YOURSELF--

LOOK-- WONDER CHICK-- I WANT ADVICE, I'LL WATCH SALLIE JESSE DONOHUE.

HEY-- CAPTAIN FOREHEAD-- CAN'T YOU FLY THIS TUB--?!

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, INSTEAD OF BURNING TO DEATH, I GET TO FREEZE TO DEATH.

HMMM-- DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

X--ARE WE UNDER ATTACK--?!

NO--



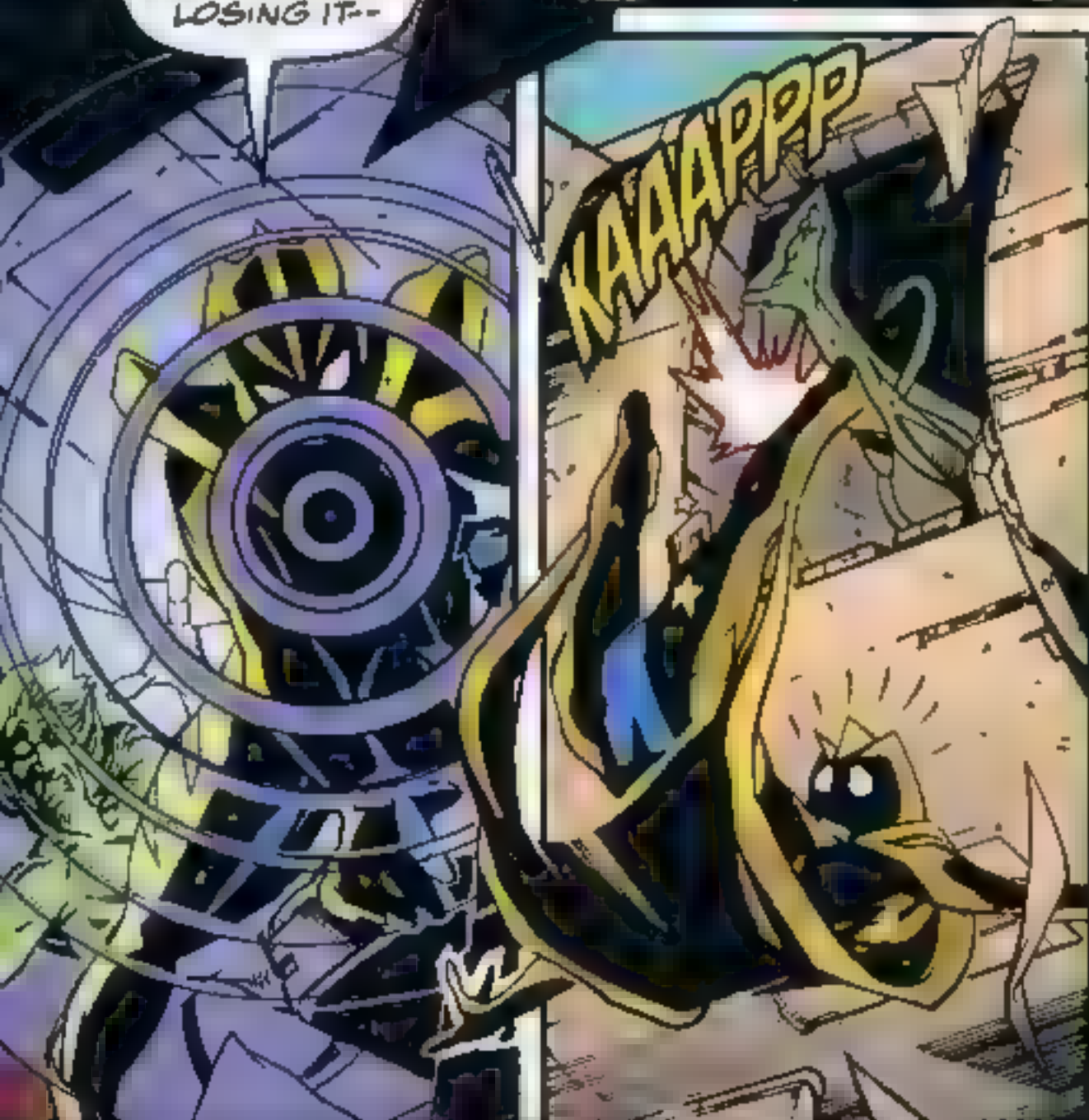


--THE ARMY IS FIRING ON--

--THE BEAST--!!!

GOING DOWN... HAVE TO GET.. OUT...

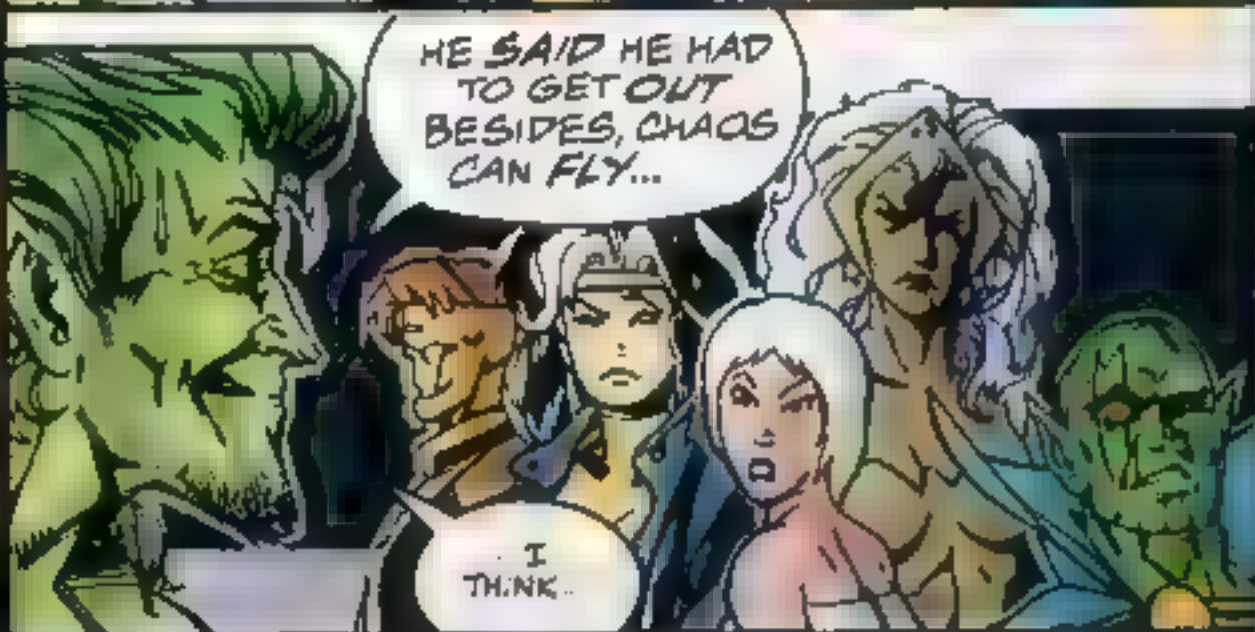
POWER-- BUILDING UP-- CAN'T-- LOSING IT--



KAAAPPP



WHAT?



HE SAID HE HAD TO GET OUT BESIDES, CHAOS CAN FLY...

I THINK...





YAH.

NIGHTCREEPER, THE CHILD WAS A CRUCIAL PART OF MR. X'S PLAN.

WAS THE KID BLOWING UP THE WAVECRUISER ALSO A CRUCIAL PART OF MR. X'S PLAN?

HEADS UP GUYS--WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED! LET'S TOAST US A DRAGON-MAN, PEOPLE!!

--THE **JLX** IS ON THE MOVE, BAY-BEE!!



REALLY?

HEAVENS. WHAT SHALL I DO?

WOE UNTO ME.

THAT'S IT--I SURRENDER. YES--YES--I HAVE SEEN THE ERROR OF MY WAYS!!

YES--TO SURRENDER!! THAT IS WHAT I SHALL DO--

--THE MOMENT YOU ARE ALL DEAD--!!

A DRAGON--WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR--?!

A DEADLY ONE!





THIS IS A TOUGH CALL FOR MR X--DEFENDIN' THE SAME PEOPLE WHO IMPRISONED US--

--BUT RESENTMENT IS ONE BIG DISTRACTION WHEN YOU'RE TRYIN' TO SAVE LIVES.



AND THE ONLY MAN I'VE EVER LOVED-- VANISHED INTO NOTHINGNESS DURIN' ALL THE FIGHTING.

OH, TODD LEBEAU EVEN IN DARKNESS THERE'S NO SAFETY.

NEED T'JUST BAIL OUT OF HERE. TH'BLAZES WITH "HUMANITY."

THEY'RE GETTIN' WHAT THEY DESERVE. METAMUTANTS HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN OUR SHARE OF BEATIN'S.



RUNAWAY'S INVULNERABILITY SHOULD KEEP FANG CONFUSED UNTIL I CAN GET INTO POSITION.

UNTIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE MY WORTH TO THE TEAM.



A METAMUTANT ABILITY TO CREATE COLD IS A HOOT AT PARTIES--

--BUT THE FATE OF A WORLD IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE, HERE--



--RESTING ON MY NARROW SHOULDERS...

OH, I'M SORRY-- DID I RUIN YOUR SURPRISE--?!



ICEBERG--!!

ICEBERG'S DEAD! I'M NOT GOING INSIDE FANG WITHOUT HER.

--?! IS THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK ABOUT-- YOURSELF--?!

KEEPS MY CHRISTMAS LIST SHORT.

HERE--LET ME TRY TO REVIVE HER--

--ICEBERG! HEY IIIICCEY--!!

DAMN--SO FREAKIN' SELF-ABSORBED-- TH' WHOLE DEAL'S GOIN' DOWN TH'DRAIN--!!

YEP. DEAD DEAL'S OFF.

ICEBERG IS NOT DEAD, NIGHTCREEPER--

--AND YOU ARE GOING IN THERE.

I'LL ABSORB HER POWERS AND COOL FANG DOWN.

RUNAWAY--PROCEED WITH CAUTION--YOU DO NOT HAVE ICEBERG'S EXPERIENCE IN USING THOSE POWERS.

THE WAVECRUISER'S ON AUTO PILOT--I'M COMING IN.

B-BUT, MR X--WHAT ABOUT APOLLO--?!

APOLLO'S CATATONIA BARELY ALLOWS HIM AUTONOMIC FUNCTIONS--

--HE IS IN NO CONDITION TO HELP.



SO NOW--  
WHAT HAVE  
WE HERE--?

A LITTLE  
GREEN  
MAN WITH  
NO LEGS?

A LITTLE GREEN  
SKRULL.

WITH POWERFUL  
PSYCHIC ABILITIES--

{SNIFF}  
{SNIFF}

MMMM. IF I  
RECALL, ROAST  
METAMUTANT  
HAS A TASTE  
NOT UNLIKE..  
CHICKEN.

AAAWEEEE

MY--MY  
MIIND--!!!

GET OUT OF  
MY MIND!!!

--AND A  
PATHOLOGICAL  
AVERSION TO  
FLAME

AAARRRRGH!!!

NO--FISH.  
DEFINITELY  
FISH





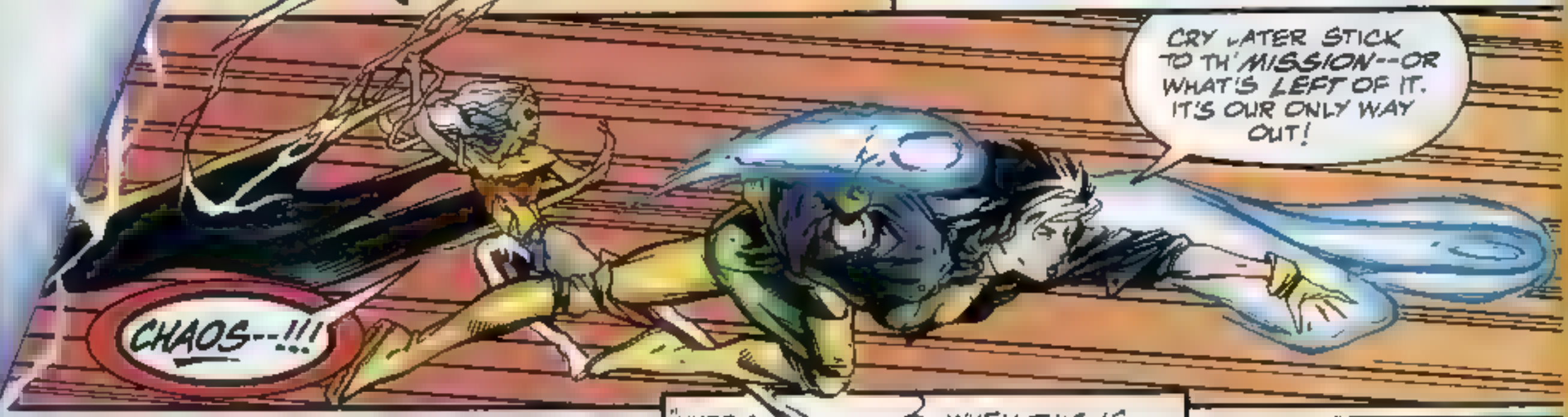
CHECKED MY MAIL, FANG. NO DINNER INVITATION.

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO CRASH YOUR SHINDIG!



CHAOS-- DISENGAGE!! FALL BACK AND REGROUP!

IF I COULD I WOULD! G-FORCES TOO STRONG--CAN'T BREAK TRAJECTORY--



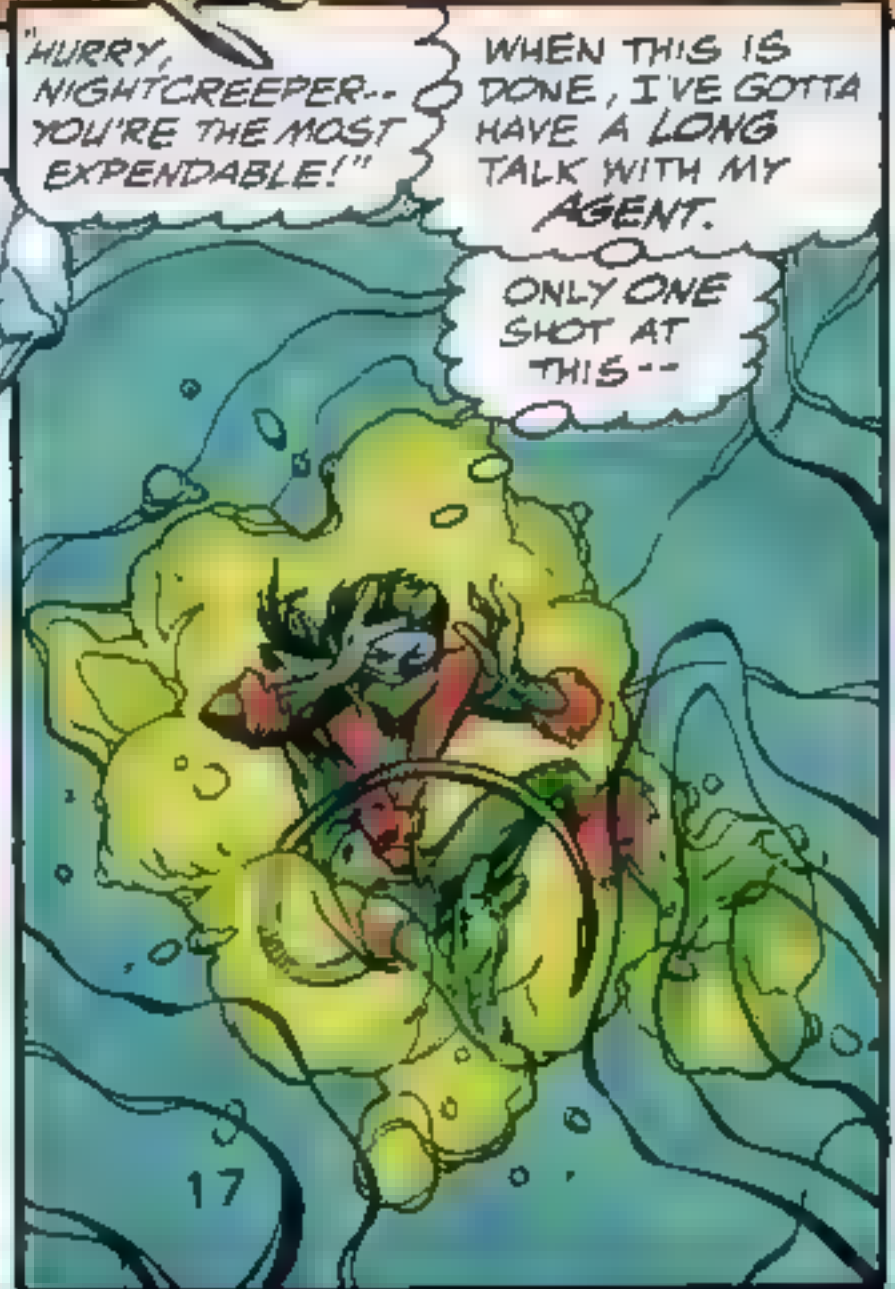
CRY LATER STICK TO TH' MISSION--OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT. IT'S OUR ONLY WAY OUT!

CHAOS--!!!



--I DID IT--!!! I FROZE FANG-FACE--

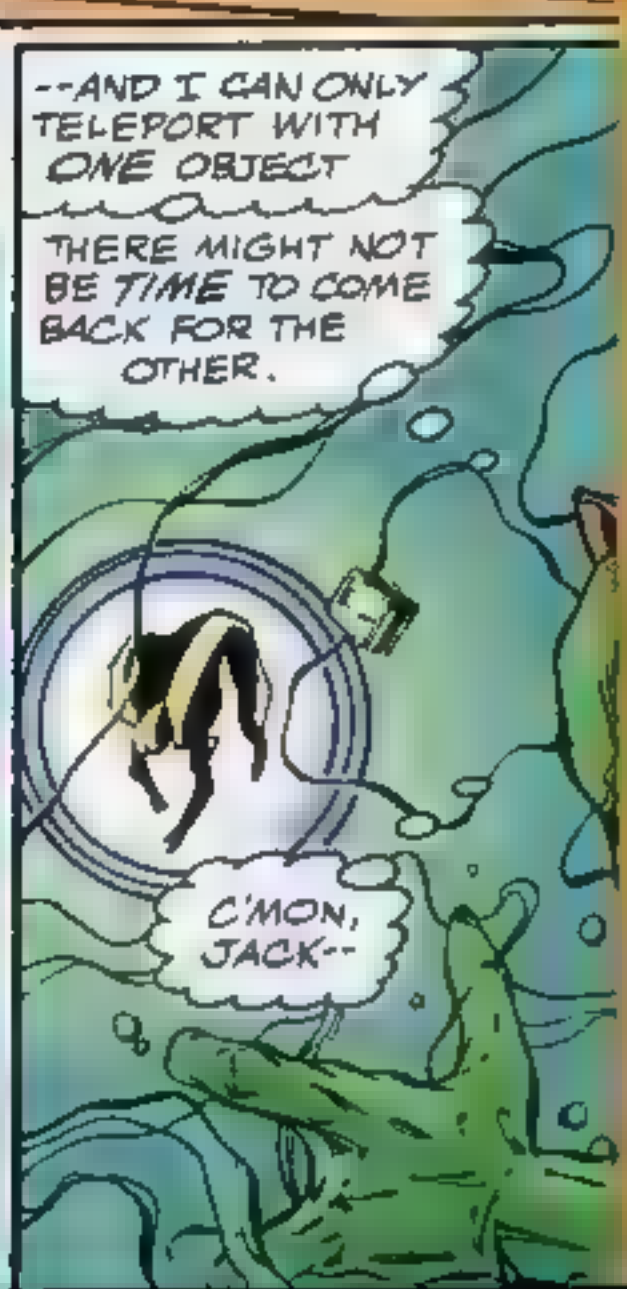
--OF COURSE, KEEPING HIM FROZEN IS ANOTHER THING ALTOGETHER!! HURRY, NIGHTCREEPER--!!



"HURRY, NIGHTCREEPER-- YOU'RE THE MOST EXPENDABLE!"

WHEN THIS IS DONE, I'VE GOTTA HAVE A LONG TALK WITH MY AGENT.

ONLY ONE SHOT AT THIS--



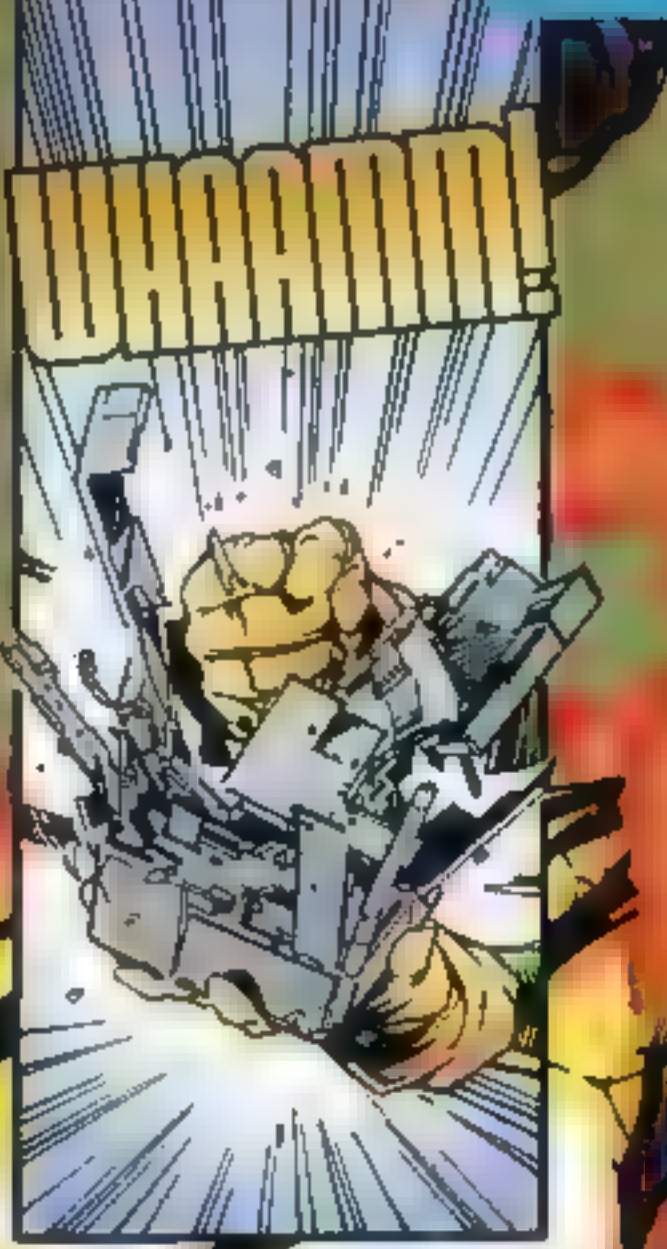
--AND I CAN ONLY TELEPORT WITH ONE OBJECT THERE MIGHT NOT BE TIME TO COME BACK FOR THE OTHER.

C'MON, JACK--

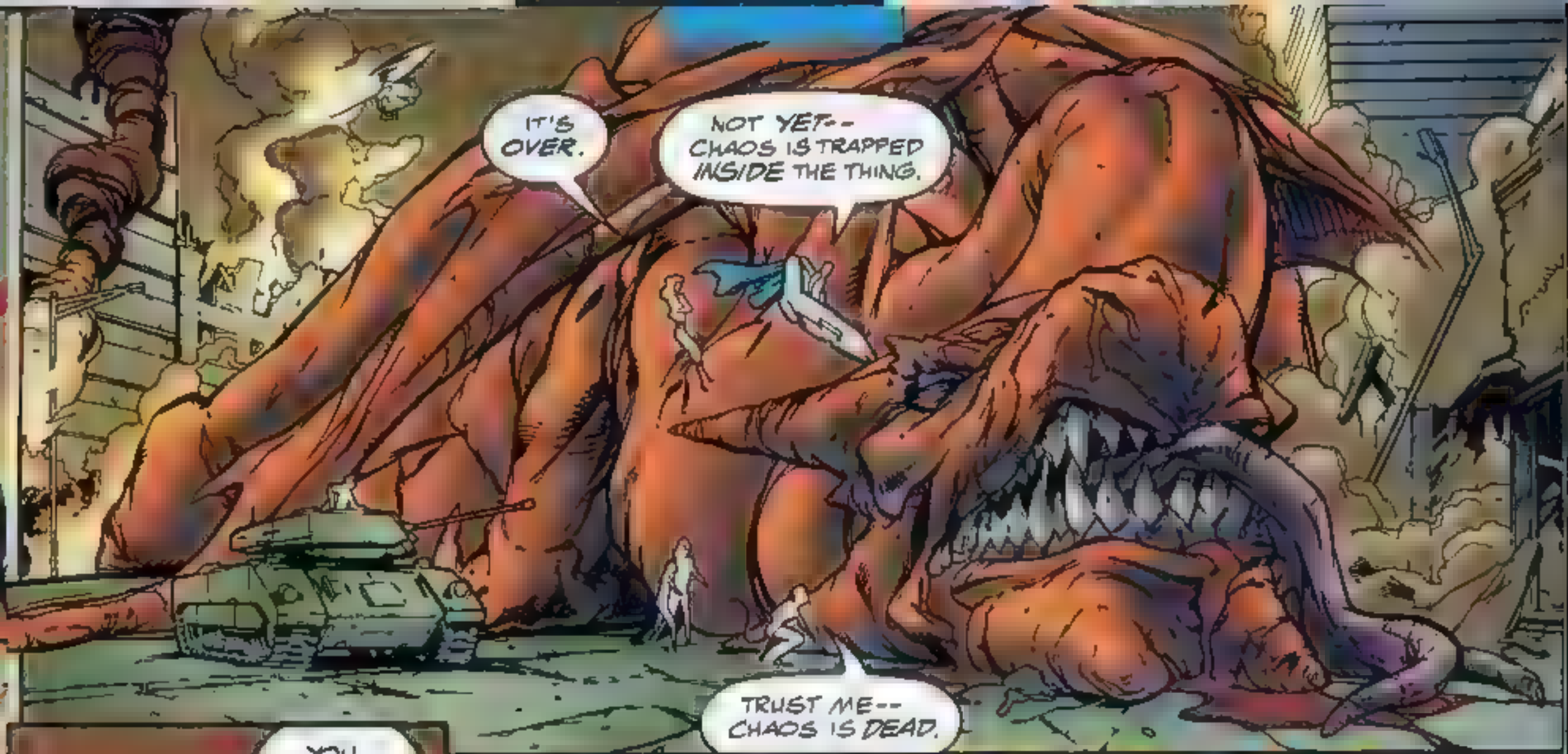


"--DECIDE--!!!"

GIVE ME THAT.



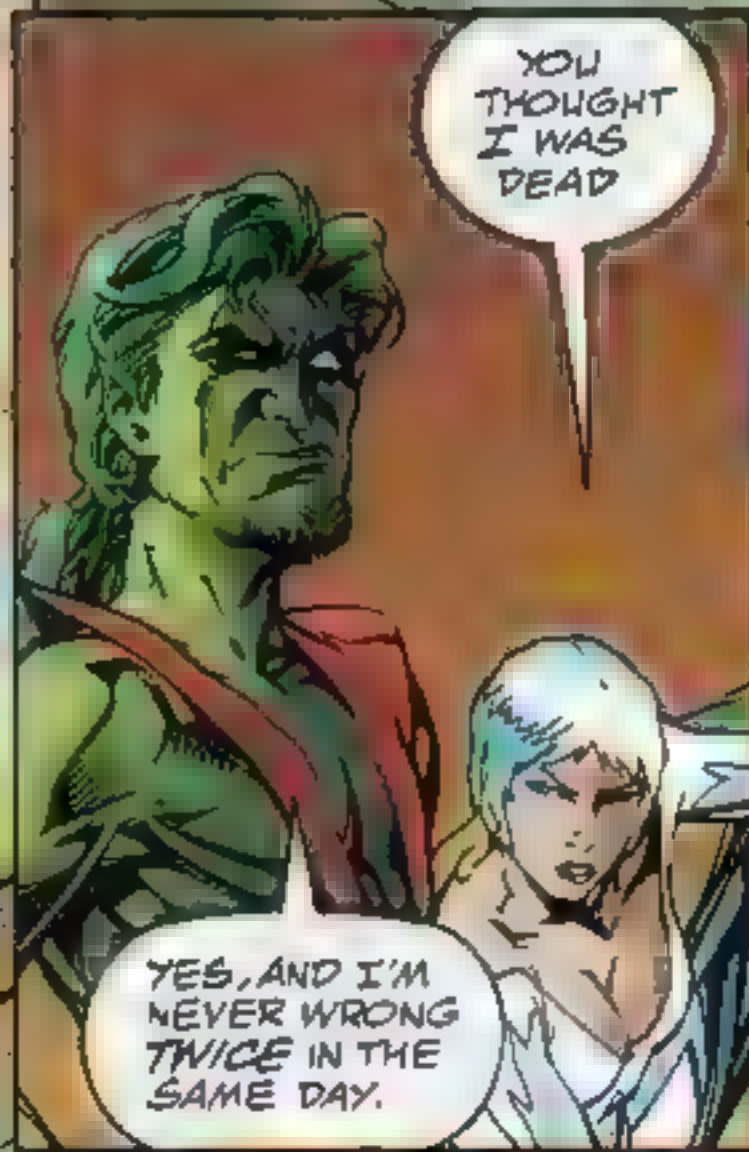




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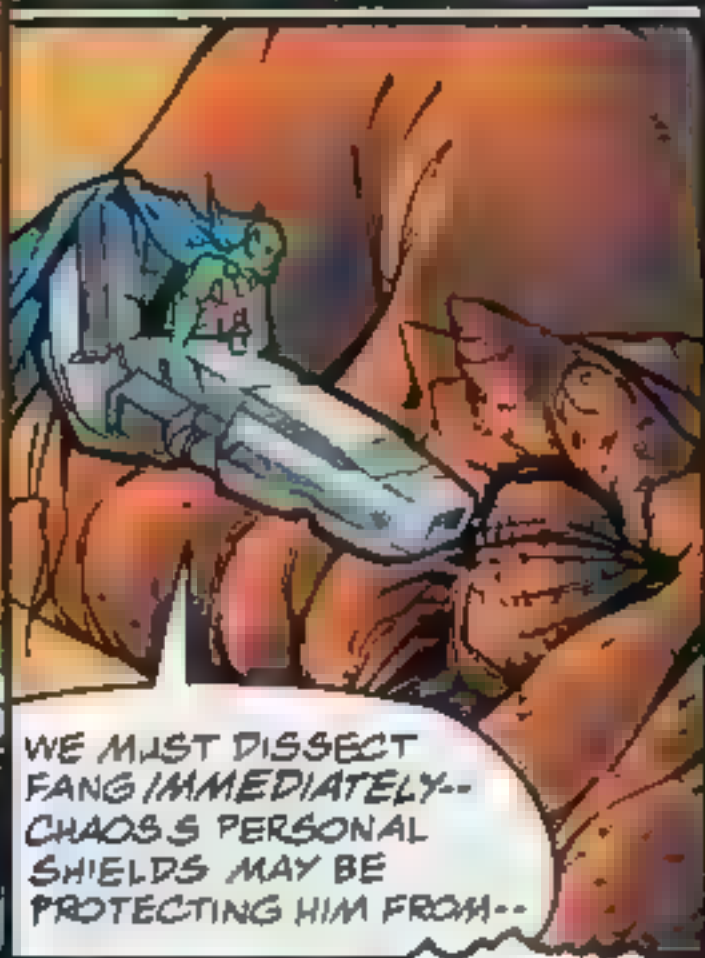
NOT YET--  
CHAOS IS TRAPPED  
INSIDE THE THING.

TRUST ME--  
CHAOS IS DEAD.



YOU  
THOUGHT  
I WAS  
DEAD

YES, AND I'M  
NEVER WRONG  
TWICE IN THE  
SAME DAY.



WE MUST DISSECT  
FANG IMMEDIATELY--  
CHAOS'S PERSONAL  
SHIELDS MAY BE  
PROTECTING HIM FROM--

I TEND TO  
DOUBT IT.



"TECHNO  
SEED," EH?

I BELIEVE ITS  
IMPORTANCE WAS  
OVERRATED--PERHAPS  
DELIBERATELY SO.

LORD MAXWELL  
WAS AN EVEN  
BIGGER FOOL  
THAN I THOUGHT--

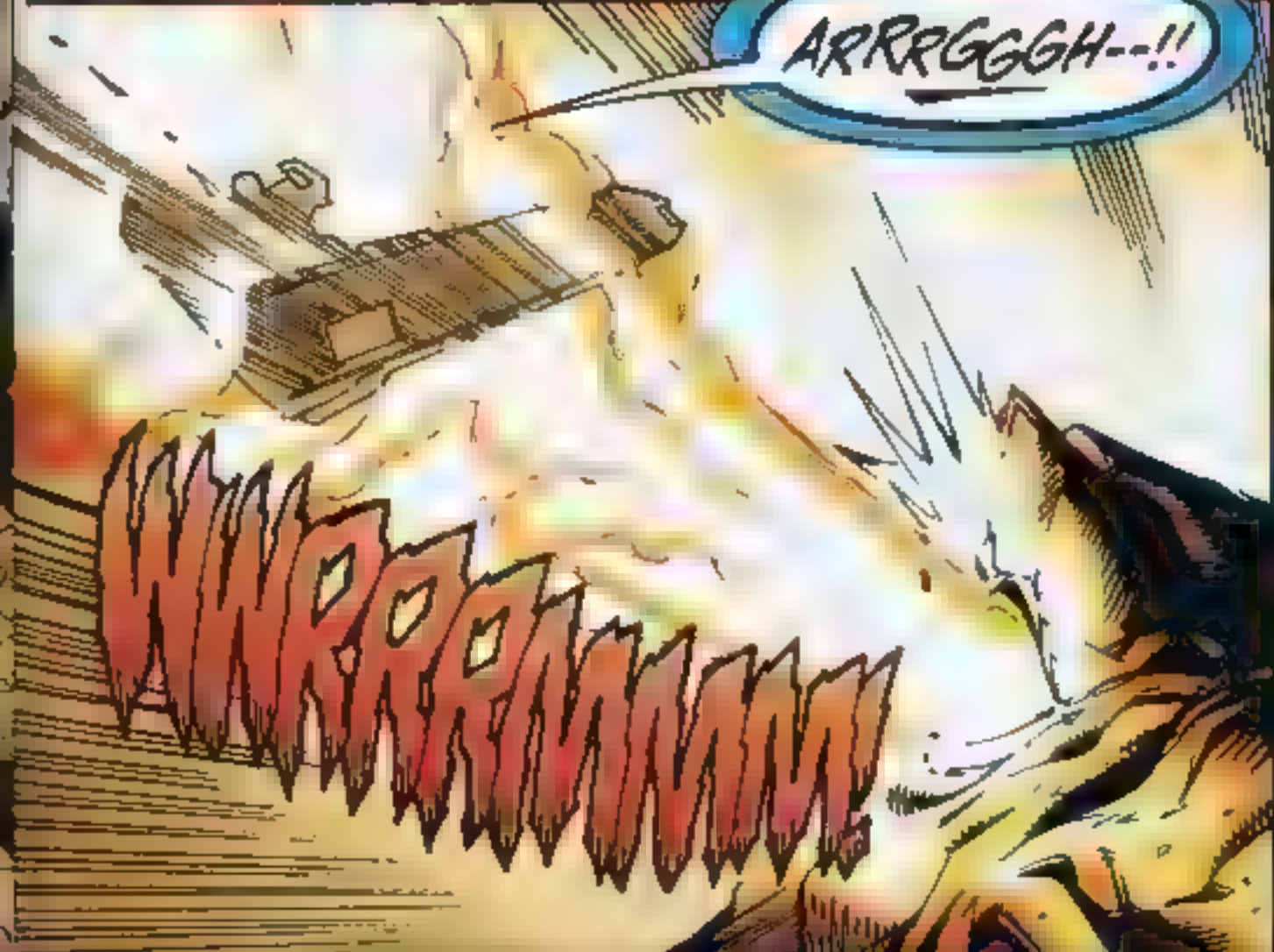
THOUGH  
HE HAD A  
GREAT  
PERSONALITY--

AH WELL--  
WHERE WAS  
I--? OH, YES--  
THAT'S RIGHT--

--AND NOW  
YOU SHALL  
DIE--!!!



ARRRGGGH--!!





FFWOOOOSSHH--!!

YEEARRGGH...!!

--HOW--?!

DIDN'T YOU LEAVE  
THE SHIP ON AUTO  
PILOT--?

IT--IT CAN  
ONLY BE--

...THEN I'LL WRITE THE  
BOOK. MATTHEW  
PERRY CAN PLAY ME  
IN THE MADE-FOR-TV  
MOVIE.

I'M  
SCANNING THE  
WAVECRUISER--  
AND YES, IT IS--

"--APOLLO, STRUGGLING WITH  
HIS CATATONIA-- USING HIS  
MUTANT POWER TO ABSORB  
SOLAR RADIATION--

"--TO DRAW THE  
POWER OUT OF  
FANG--"









I NEVER WAS--



--IT'S MUTATED ME EVEN FURTHER.

GLAD AS I AM TO SEE YOU'RE NOT A VEGETABLE, RAY, I THINK WE'D BETTER SCRAM--

OR THE JUDGMENT LEAGUER IS GOING TO PUT US BACK WHERE SHE FOUND US--

--TRY NOT TO LOOK TOO DIRECTLY AT ME NOW.

I'VE ABSORBED SO MUCH OF FANG'S ENERGY--



NO, NIGHTCREEPER--



--I'M GOING WITH YOU. AFTER ALL--

I'M ONE OF YOU.

THIS NEW CHAPTER OF AMALGAM EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES WAS BROUGHT TO YOU COURTESY.  
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Welcome back to the second incarnation of the JLX. Like a phoenix, the band of metamutant outcasts have made their way back. Since the end of their previous title, the letters have been pouring in. We didn't realize how many fans we had. Originally a limited series spinoff of the Judgment League Avengers, JLX wasn't supposed to be around longer than 12 issues. Here are some of the letters responsible for the comeback of the year.

# JLX UNLEASHED!

of robots, I was glad to see Jocasta turn to the side of the angels and donate her AI to creating Cerebro.

Great stuff —  
GIVE ME MORE!!!  
Brett Houston  
Akron, OH

Don't fret, Brett — the JLX are unleashed and are going to stay that way. Seems our concoction of action and drama stimulated a big appetite for our fans. We're going to create even more memories in the issues to come.

X-perts,

The Dark Firebird Contract contained, hands down, the most surprising plot twist since Vengeance revealed himself to be Eobard Thawne. I would never have suspected Firebird would succumb to Mister Mastermind's mental shenanigans. Couldn't she tell that it was his master-molds posing as her family? I thought for sure once Niles Cable arrived from the future, she would come to her senses. He did everything short of taking a blood test to prove he's her son. Nope. Figures that worm would turn it to his advantage. I did enjoy seeing the JLX as allies of Mr. Mastermind's Axis cohorts. Is there any hope Beatriz Gray is still lurking around in Firebird's fractured psyche?

Carlos Gutierrez  
Roswell, NM

**As you can see, Dark Firebird has joined the Hellfire League of Injustice. Considering what Fin Fang Flame did to them this issue, both Lord Maxwell and Dark Firebird won't be returning — or will they? BWAHAHAHA!!**



Dear Brian and Roo,

When I picked up the first issue of JLX, I imagined it to be an unnoticed series, launched in the background of JLA. Talk at my comics shop started the day it hit the stands. All of my friends were talking about this new group. I remembered their first appearance in JLA Annual #13 and felt the characters had potential. All twelve issues far surpassed my expectations. Among the high points:

1. The love triangle of Nightcreeper, Kokoro and Angelhawk.
2. Sunfirestorm's new costume.
3. Kitty Sandmark becoming Wondercat.

4. The appearance of JLA's Blue Jacket and Wonder-Gold needing help to repair Red Vision.

5. JLX trouncing the X-tremists! You can tell I'm a big JLX fan and would absolutely kill for another JLX series. Please, please, please, please, please, please!

Keith Buscemi  
Long Island City, NY

**Okay, here you go. Another kid kept out of the criminal justice system thanks to comic books.**



Dear X-Press,

How could you do this?! Don't play dumb, you know what I'm talking about. You gave the JLX their own title, only to cancel it a year later. What's the big deal? So many plot holes were left unresolved that you could have told stories of the metamutants for the next twenty years!

For instance, the whole Armageddon Agenda: right after the JLX find Atlantis, Magnus and his Sentinels rear their ugly heads and rain on their parade. I thought at the end of the day the heroes were supposed to win? Say it's just me, but Magnus is due for some major, vengeful butt-kicking! Not that I didn't like the last story arc—it did contain some of the most memorable moments in metamutant history.

Angelhawk's accident personally stirred me. Here you got a guy who was used to soaring the skies and now has to settle for walking the earth like the rest of us. His one power, stripped away for no other reason than the betrayal of his closest friend, "Lord" Maxwell Hodge. Hodge, you are one bad-bad-bad man. Have Angel return to his old job as an archaeologist, find a mystic wing harness and kick Hodge's metal gluteus maximus.

I also like the bit where Runaway temporarily absorbs Wraith's personality. Now Mr. LeBeau knows what it's like to be in love with himself! Nightcreeper leading the Sentinels into the Danger Room and turning off the safety locks was priceless. Speaking

Dear X-people,

My retailer spilled the beans on the new, upcoming JLX series. He got tired of hearing me talk about acts of personal harm if I didn't get new stories of the metamutants. My life was saved when I read his black and white advance copy. JLX UNLEASHED was just as good as the first series, and that was a hard act to follow. I was a little concerned by the fact that the team got beaten so badly; Magnus and the Sentinels are really one nasty group.

The best part about this new series is the interaction between the Leaguers. Nightcreeper was really acting kind of nasty. I thought he was overly harsh with Chaos. The best scene was the one between Super-Soldier and Amazon. Priest used the perfect words to explain Clark's dislike of the treatment of metamutants. The scenes with Amazon and Mr. X were also nicely done. These two will probably become strong friends.

So Firebird may betray her teammates—NOT!! Bea may feel like an outsider at times, but she's a metamutant. How can she betray them?

Well, here we have another gem from Priest, Oscar Jimenez and Hanibal Rodriguez. It's not often that writing is complemented so well with dazzling artwork. JLX UNLEASHED has everything going for it. Don't let any of these creative minds go! Thanks for listening.

Lourdes Chang  
Grand Rapids, MI

NEXT ISSUE: We find out the true fate of the Hellfire League of Injustice. Also, the JLA won't sit still after Amazon's defection, especially since she now runs with the World's Most Infamous Heroes! All this and Mongslaughter, too!



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